



PICKING AVOCADOS IN MEXICO.

(*Persea americana* Mill. See S. P. I. No. 46984.)

The avocado groves of Queretaro are probably the most extensive in Mexico. The trees are all seedlings of the Mexican race, and most of them produce small fruits like those here shown. Little care is used in picking the fruits; they are pulled from the tree with a hooked bamboo pole, and after they have fallen to the ground they are gathered and placed in large sacks in which they are carried to market. It speaks well for the shipping qualities of the Mexican avocados that they can stand such rough treatment. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Queretaro, Mexico, July 23, 1918; P17538FS.)